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FORMER UNION FINANCIAL SECRETARY CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT OF UNION FUNDS

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that KEITH W. HART, JR., 31, of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for embezzlement by a labor organization officer, following an investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards.

The indictment alleges that between November 1, 2006 to July 9, 2007, when HART was the financial secretary for Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers Union, Local 315-G, HART embezzled funds in the approximate amount of \$13,904.69 by writing checks, making unauthorized cash withdrawals and receiving cash back from a bank deposit.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who is prosecuting the case for the government, HART, JR. faces a maximum possible prison sentence of five years and a maximum possible fine of \$10,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled for before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Evansville, Indiana.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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